

Use of Mexican Farm Labor Expected To Produce Fight in Congress

Americans Said Not Willing To Do Some Types of Farm Jobs

Washington - (AP) - A House subcommittee was told Monday that American farm workers refuse to do the type of work performed by thousands of Mexicans brought to the United States each year.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Albany (Oregon): Scientists working with a rare metal refined here by the Wah Chang Corporation have found a way of creating extremely strong magnetic fields, using a very small amount of electricity. The metal is known as columbium. Ninety per cent of the world's supply of it is produced by the Wah Chang Corp. from ores mined in Malaya, South Africa and Australia. With its aid a magnetic field can be generated with one-fiftieth of the wire hitherto needed. In case you ask what that means to you, electric motors work by means of a magnetic field. If they can be made with one-fiftieth of the wire now needed, they can be made cheaper and smaller.

THIS new metal is expected to improve radio transmission.

And - The scientists say - IT ENCOURAGES DREAMS OF HARNESSING FOR PEACEFUL MEANS THE SOURCE OF ENERGY USED IN THE H-BOMB.

GOING on from there - I suppose you read in the papers the other day that our nuclear submarines are running an unexpectedly long time on one charge of their atomic fuel. The story added that the time might not be too far off when they will operate for DECADES on one charge.

The story speculated that the time may even come when a nuclear submarine may be built that will NEVER have to be refueled.

AND - That suggests that a nuclear-powered SPACE SHIP MIGHT SOMEDAY BE BUILT THAT WOULD CRUISE AROUND FOREVER OUT IN SPACE.

WELL, you can't stop a guy from dreamin'!

AFTER all - Would such a thing be any more fantastic today than was electricity when Ben Franklin first flew his kite up into the stormy skies and brought the miracle of electricity down to mankind? Or when Wilbur Wright and his brother Orville made a crude airplane fly for two or three minutes at Kitty Hawk? Planes had been dreamed of for centuries. Back in the late 1400's Leonardo da Vinci envisioned the idea of mechanical flight and drew a crude but accurate sketch of what an airplane ought to look like.

But it wasn't any good until somebody came along and invented the internal combustion engine which provided the power to get a plane up in the air and keep it there. The internal combustion engine also made possible the automobile, which revolutionized land transportation and made walking obsolete.

So... don't scoff too much about this new rare metal and what may come of it.

More Protection For Americans Among Top Issues

Washington - (CQ) - Proposals to change the law authorizing Mexican nationals to enter the U.S. for farm work are expected to produce a bitter Congressional fight this year.

The law expires Dec. 31 and must be renewed during the current session. Hearings got under way Monday before a House Agriculture subcommittee headed by Rep. E. C. Gathings (D-Ark.).

The chief issue is whether changes should be made to give added protection to American farm workers against wage competition from Mexican workers, who are called braceros. Some 315,846 braceros entered the U.S. in 1960 and worked on about 45,000 farms, chiefly on the cotton and vegetable crops in Texas, California, Arkansas, Arizona and New Mexico. They are supplied by the Labor department under an agreement with Mexico designed to insure reasonable working conditions.

Under existing law, the Labor department is not authorized to supply braceros to farmers who have not made an effort to obtain native American workers before requesting braceros, nor may it supply them in areas where this would have an adverse effect on the wages of American farm workers. The braceros must be paid 50 cents an hour or the prevailing wage in the locality where they work, whichever is higher.

Safeguards Too Vague
A bloc of labor unions and welfare groups, including the National Catholic Welfare conference, the National Council of Churches of Christ and numerous AFL-CIO unions, believes that the existing safeguards for native American workers are too vague. In practice, they argue, the mere availability of the braceros creates a labor glut and depresses wages and working conditions for domestic farm workers, particularly migratory workers. The nation's 346,000 itinerant farm workers worked only about one day in three, on the average, and made only \$911 per person during the year 1959, the latest for which figures are available.

As evidence that the presence of braceros is largely responsible for the low income of domestic farm workers, the labor-welfare bloc cites an October 1959 study by a special Labor department consultants' group headed by ex-Sen. Edward J. Thye (R-Minn., 1947-59). This group concluded that over the five-year period 1953-58, farm wages for American workers in areas where braceros were used extensively had in almost all cases either gone down, failed to rise, or risen much more slowly than wages in other areas.

Reform Proposals
The labor-welfare bloc is putting forward a series of proposals based on the Thye group report. These call for revision of the Mexican farm worker law to:

Bar the use of braceros in year-round and skilled employment (about 20,000 are now employed in year-round jobs).
Permit farmers to hire braceros only if they had made a real effort to obtain native workers first and had been unable to do so. Employers would be required to offer domestic workers some of the special benefits they are required to give braceros by the Mexico-U.S. agreement, namely, free housing, free transportation to the job and free insurance against injury. (The labor-welfare group says many farmers prefer braceros to native American workers, despite having to give braceros these special benefits, because the braceros don't have families with them that would have to be housed, are prime workers in good health, inspected before leaving Mexico, and fear to make "labor trouble" lest they be sent back to Mexico.)

Prohibit the use of braceros on surplus crops. This would bar them from cotton, where over half the braceros are employed and where some of the lowest wages (35 cents an hour

in some areas) are paid to American farm workers. Work out a new and specific formula to determine when the use of braceros has an adverse effect on wages of American farm workers. The formula would permit the Secretary of Labor to refuse to supply Mexican workers to farmers in an area where native workers' wage scales had failed to rise, or had risen much more slowly than elsewhere.

Farmer Position
Nearly all farmer organizations, except the National Farmers union oppose the reform plans. They argue that Mexican workers have not really undercut the domestic workers' labor conditions and farmers would be glad to use native workers if they could obtain them; in fact, the farmer organizations say, Mexicans are used largely where native workers are not available and, in work they will not do - in particular "stoop labor" requiring the laborer to stoop.

If the supply of braceros were cut off, or made difficult to obtain through institution of complicated administrative procedures, the farm groups argue, the farmer simply could not bring in his crops, and this would hurt smaller farmers, who could not afford to replace labor with expensive labor-saving machinery, more than it would hurt the larger farmers.

(The latest census bureau figures available indicate that a little over half of all commercial farms used hired labor, with the largest 15 per cent accounting for about three-quarters of all wages paid to farm hands; however, even among smallest commercial farms, those with sales under \$1,200 a year, a third use some amount of hired labor.)

The farmer groups also argue that cutting down the Mexican labor program would simply reinvigorate the illegal traffic in wetbacks (Mexicans entering covertly) that has been virtually ended in recent years; and that, despite the presence of braceros, over-all farm wages have risen 50 per cent in the past 13 years.

Outlook
The labor-welfare bloc's strategy is based on the fact that the Mexican farm law is expiring and the farmer groups want it renewed. A

Central Point Jaycees To Hold Awards-Bosses Night Banquet

Central Point - The Central Point Junior Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award will be presented to one of three candidates at an awards-bosses night banquet at the Pioneer Cafe in Central Point at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 9.

Candidates for the award are Chester Ayres, 35, of 127 North Ninth st., Central Point; Donald E. Lavy, 33, of 2092 Scenic ave., Central Point, and Ernest R. Kennedy Jr., 30, of 3088 Old Stage rd., Central Point.

O. W. (Cork) Corbet, Burnsville, Ore., a national vice president of the Jaycees, will speak.

Events Combined
The Distinguished Service Award and bosses night banquet are being combined this year in order that employers may have a better knowledge of what the Central Point Jaycees are doing in the community.

Ayres, who works at Pendleton's Mobile Gas station, Central Point, is being sponsored by the Central Point Lions club. Since November, 1959, he has served on the Central Point city council, has

been president, treasurer and a director of the Jaycees, and has held several chairmanships in Jaycee activities in past years. Ayres is a committeeman for the Central Point Explorer Scout troop. He is married and has two children.

Sponsored by Association
Lacy, who is sponsored by the District 6C Teachers association, is chairman of the speech department at Crater High school, and has been active in Jaycee programs. He is secretary-treasurer of the Jaycees here now.

He has conducted the public speaking contest sponsored by the Knights of Pythias, and directs the school district speech conference each year.

Lacy is president of the District 6C Teachers association, a candidate for treasurer of the Jackson county division of the Oregon Education association, past treasurer of Crater High school PTA, past president of the high school speech league, past president of the Delta Sigma Rho, national speech fraternity, and recently was selected by Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, Medford, to be chairman of the social studies textbook selection committee for Jackson county.

He is married and has several children.

Chairmanships Noted
Kennedy was chairman of the March of Dimes in Central Point for two years, chairman of the Jaycee-sponsored 1960 Easter Egg hunt for Central Point, and has been publicity chairman for several Jaycee projects.

He has been a leader in the drive to rejuvenate and re-activate the Jaycees last year. He is vice president of the Jaycees this year, a post which he served previously. Kennedy also has been treasurer of the Jaycees. He is president of the Jackson County Pharmaceutical association, and is president of the Jack-

son County Shrine club Scout-er patrol.

Kennedy is a member of the Oregon State Jaycee resolutions committee, and was a delegate to the state and national Jaycee conventions last year. He received the key-man award from the Jaycees in 1959 and 1960.

He is manager of the Central Point Pharmacy, and is married.

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Bills Approved By Legislature

Salem - (AP) - Measures approved Monday:

By the Senate
SCR12 - Sorrow upon death of James D. Olson.

SJR4, 6, 7 - Constitutional amendments to revise state's debt limits.

SJR26 - Chinook salmon as official Oregon fish.

SB276 - Relating to public assistance.

SB383 - Official documents.

HB2010, 2018, 2019, 2024 - Budgets for Board of Eugenics, State Engineer, Hydroelectric commission, State Banking department.

By the House
HB1403 - Relating to herbicide protected areas.

HB1478 - Updating old law to let women and non-white persons bear arms.

SB384 - Permitting state to collect license fees from Oxbow, Brownlee and Pelton dams.

Signed by Governor
HB1005 - Exempting certain armed forces fuel purchases from fuel tax.

HB1044, 1049, 1067, 1069, 1193 - Relating to vehicles and motor carriers.

HB1050, 1061, 1064 - Relating to elections.

HB1051 - County clerks' abstract of votes.

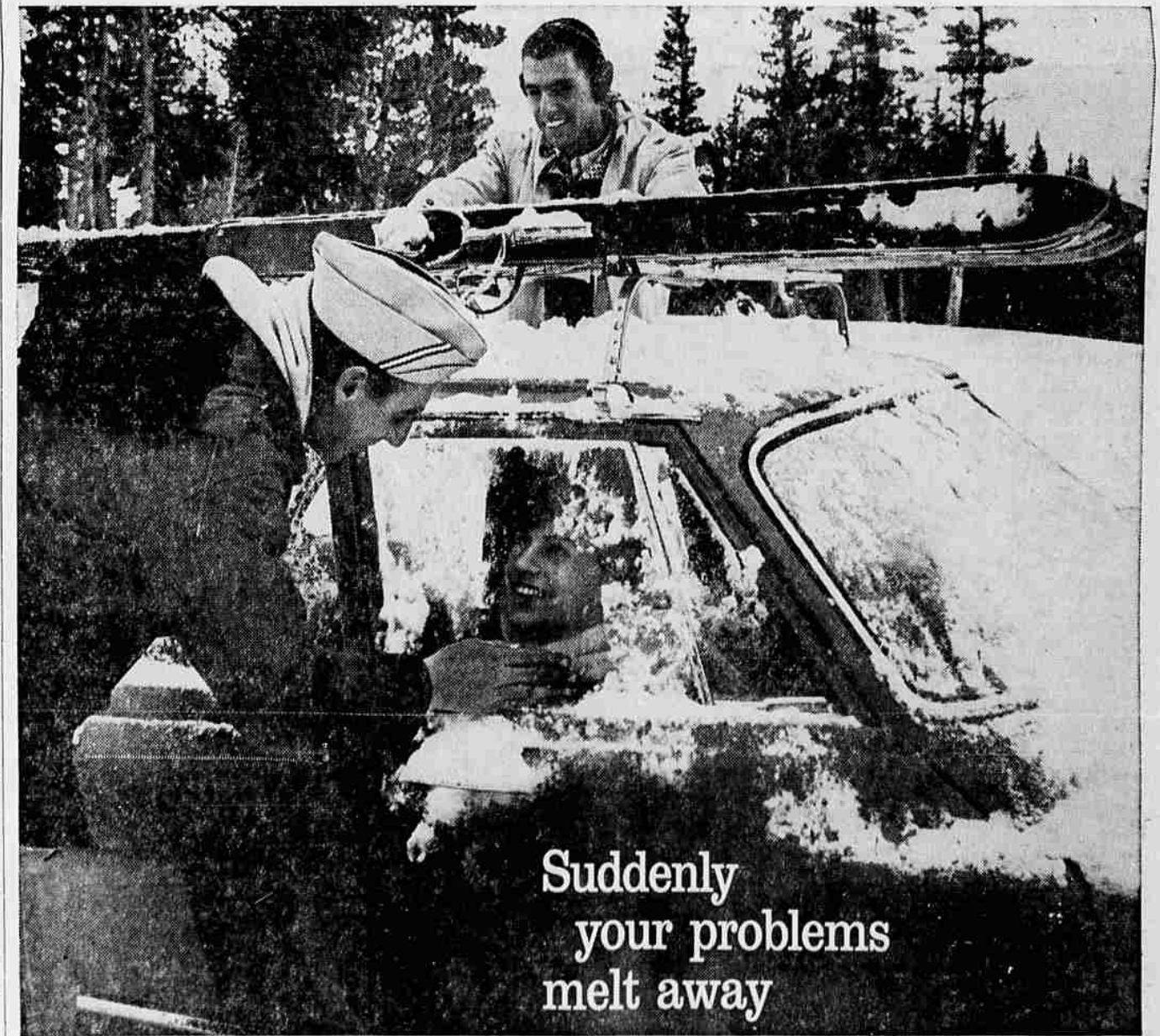
HB1143 - Throwing away lighted material in state forests.

HB1262 - Changing Oregon State College to University.

SB10 - Relating to legislative fiscal committee.

SB191 - Licenses for cosmetic therapy teachers.

TRIES FOP RECORD
Edwards AFB, Calif - (AP) - Air Force Maj. Robert White today was scheduled to attempt to set a new unofficial speed record of about 2,600 miles an hour in the X15 rocketship. He already holds the unofficial world speed record of 2,275 m.p.h. as well as the altitude record of 136,000 feet.



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